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Sue,
Please take a moment to add another letter to the list of families that use the Rubicon Trail as a much needed place to recreate together, mine. My name is Jeff Mello and I have been a Jeoper for my entire life on the Rubicon. My memories of trail riding with my grand parents from both my mom's and dad's sides and with my parents could not have been replaced by any other form of recreation and the Rubicon was a huge part of that. Now at 41 as I try to give my daughter Courtney (7), and my son Justin (3) the same quality memories I find my rights to recreate on public land being constantly attacked by misinform red anti-recreationalists. As far as I'm concerned these Anti-Family groups with their paid for science and bunk studies are eroding the backbone of America by taking the public out of areas like the Rubicon. Wheeled vehicles are the only way infants, toddlers and elderly can be together in these areas and the importance of that togetherness is highly over looked in today's society.
I've donated time and money to FOTR and been a responsible recreationalist who leaves the forest cleaner and in better condition every time I enter it and it is ME? they are trying to keep out. Wrong!
Please do the right thing and send a message that these attacks must stop and the family recreation MUST continue.

Thank you,
Jeff Mello